

The Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 3 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 1 and 11 as follows. A marked-up copy of the amended claims showing the changes made thereto, is attached. Note that all the claims currently pending in this application, including those not presently being amended, have been reproduced below for the Examiner's convenience.

Sub 1. (Twice Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a chamber enclosing equipment; and

an air conditioner for controlling a supply of air supplied into said chamber, said air conditioner including (i) a refrigerator using a refrigerant, (ii) a first heat exchanger for exchanging heat between the refrigerant and a coolant, (iii) a second heat exchanger for exchanging heat between the coolant and the supply of air supplied into said chamber, and (iv) an electric heater for heating the supply of air at a predetermined temperature, wherein

the refrigerant is circulated between said refrigerator and said first heat exchanger, and wherein the coolant comprises a liquid and is circulated between said first and second heat exchangers.

2. (Not Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said air conditioner further includes an air blower.

4. (Not Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said first heater exchanger comprises an evaporator.

5. (Not Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said refrigerator comprises a compressor and a condenser.

6. (Not Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising a reservoir and a pump provided between said first and second heat exchangers.

7. (Not Further Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein at least a portion of said air conditioner is disposed adjacent said chamber.

8. (Not Further Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 7, wherein said second heat exchanger is disposed adjacent said chamber, and wherein said refrigerator and said first heat exchanger are disposed separately from said chamber.

9. (Not Further Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the coolant is selected from the group consisting of water, an anti-freeze liquid, and a fluoride inert liquid.